

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4119

INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 3490

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, ICRC, PINS, HU, ID, IR, PL, VS

SUBJECT: AMERICANS TRAPPED IN BAN ME THUOT

REF: STATE 064034

1. BASED ON EMBOFF'S CONVERSATION WITH HUNGARIAN DEPUTY ANDRAS FORGACS ON MARCH 22, PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING EVEN INFORMAL ASSISTANCE FROM THEM TO EFFECT RELEASE OF AMERICANS TRAPPED IN BAN ME THUOT ARE NOT GOOD. HE NOTED THAT IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION THE ICCS HAD NO POLITICAL OR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BECOME INVOLVED. WHEN HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF CASE WERE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION HE HEDGED BUT IMPLIED THAT IT WOULD DEPEND ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUDAPEST. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE OF HUNGARIANS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS REQUEST FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WOULD DO GREAT HARM TO HUNGARY'S IMAGE ESPECIALLY WITH CHURCH GROUPS IN THE US AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

2. HOPEFULLY, BUDAPEST WILL SEE ADVANTAGE IN RESPONDING TO OUR REQUEST POSITIVELY AND INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IF ONLY INFORMALLY.

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